

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claim(s) as follows:

Claims 1-27 (Cancelled)

Claim 28 (New) A process for transferring an image appearing on a paper to a surface comprising the steps of:

providing a transfer assembly comprising:

a plastic film layer;

a rubber-based hot melt transfer adhesive layer;

said rubber-based hot melt transfer adhesive layer having a primary liner on one side and a secondary liner on an opposite side;

removing said primary liner exposing a first surface;

applying said rubber-based hot melt transfer adhesive layer with said first surface in contact with an image to be transferred;

removing said secondary liner exposing a second surface;

placing said plastic film layer in contact with said second surface;

washing away said paper containing said image to be transferred to create a decal by exposing an image forming layer;

positioning said decal so that said image forming layer is in contact with said surface;

covering said decal with a releasable sheet;

applying heat to said releasable sheet wherein adhesive from said rubber-based hot melt adhesive layer migrates through said image forming layer and penetrates into said surface; and

removing said releasable sheet.

Claim 29 (New) A process for transferring an image appearing on a paper to a surface comprising the steps of:

providing a plastic film laminate with a releasable support sheet and a rubber-based hot melt transfer adhesive layer;
said rubber-based hot melt transfer adhesive having a primary liner on one side and a secondary liner on an opposite side;
removing said primary liner exposing a first surface;
applying said first surface in contact with an image to be transferred;
removing said secondary liner exposing a second surface;
placing said plastic film laminate in contact with said second surface;
washing away said paper containing said image to be transferred to create a decal by exposing an image forming layer;
positioning said decal so that said image forming layer is in contact with said surface;
applying heat to said plastic laminate with releasable support sheet wherein adhesive from said rubber-based hot melt adhesive layer migrates through said image forming layer and penetrates into said surface; and
removing said releasable support sheet.

Claim 30. (New) A process for transferring an image appearing on a paper to a surface comprising the steps of:

providing a composite sheet laminate having a plastic film layer; a rubber-based hot melt transfer adhesive layer adjacent to said plastic film layer and an outer side releasable layer protecting adhesive;
removing said outer side releasable layer exposing a first surface;
applying said compost sheet laminate with said first surface in contact with an image to be transferred;
washing away said paper containing said image to be transferred to create a decal by exposing an image forming layer;
positioning said decal so that said image forming layer is in contact with said surface;
covering said decal with a releasable sheet;

applying heat to said releasable sheet wherein adhesive from said rubber-based hot melt adhesive layer migrates through said image forming layer and penetrates into said surface; and

removing said releasable sheet.

Claim 31 (New) The process for transferring an image appearing on a paper to a surface according to claim 30 wherein said paper is a double coated paper.

Claim 32 (New) The process for transferring an image appearing on a paper to a surface according to claim 30 wherein said paper is a triple coated paper.

Claim 33 (New) The process for transferring an image appearing on a paper to a surface according to claim 30 further comprising the step of positioning said decal where a paper coating layer contacts said surface.

Claim 34 (New) The process for transferring an image appearing on a paper to a surface according to claim 30 wherein said paper is a one-sided coated paper wherein said image appears on a non-coated side.

Claim 35 (New) The process for transferring an image appearing on a paper to a surface according to claim 30 wherein said paper is an electrostatic copy paper having a zinc oxide coating.